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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 98-124

CITY OF PACIFICA
SAN MATEO COUNTY

AMENDING ORDER 93-112, REQUIRING THE CITY OF PACIFICA, SAN MATEO COUNTY, TO CEASE AND DESIST DISCHARGING WASTE FROM ITS OCEAN OUTFALL CONTRARY TO EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS IN ORDER NO. 89-118 (NPDES PERMIT)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (the Board) finds that:

1. The City of Pacifica owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant, which provides secondary treatment of domestic wastewater from the City of Pacifica. The treatment plant has a dry weather treatment capacity of 3.3 million gallons per day (MGD), and presently discharges an average dry weather flow of 2.5MGD(1997flowdata). This discharge is presently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements in Order No. 94-112, NPDES Permit No. CA0037494.
2. The Board adopted Cease and Desist Order No. 93-112 (CDO) for the City of Pacifica on September 15, 1993 for NPDES permit effluent limit violations. The City had violated effluent limits for pH, BOD, TSS, acute toxicity, settleable matter, total coliform and total chlorine residual. The CDO required Pacifica to achieve full compliance with the discharge prohibitions and effluent limitations contained in Pacifica's NPDES permit, Order 89-118, by October 30, 1997. Order 89-118 was rescinded and was replaced by Order 94-112, which reissued Pacifica's NPDES permit. Order 94-112 states that CDO 93-112 shall remain in full force and effect until compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements is achieved in accordance with the time schedule established therein.
3. Pacifica encountered delays in starting construction of its new wastewater treatment plant because it took Pacifica longer than expected to select a final alternative and a final project site for the new wastewater treatment plant. In July 1995 staff wrote a status report on NPDES permit violations.
4. In 1996 the City started construction on the new \$35 million Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant that should bring the City into compliance with its NPDES permit. This new wastewater treatment plant will contain innovative components such as ultraviolet disinfection and the construction of a restored wetlands for effluent disposal. Pacifica is now planning to achieve full compliance with its NPDES permit by September 30, 1999. At this time, the City appears to be aggressively moving forward with completion of the new treatment plant.

5. This CDO amendment extends the completion date for Pacifica to achieve full compliance with its NPDES permit to September 30, 1999.
6. The California Water Code (Section 13301) authorizes the Regional Board to issue a Cease and Desist Order when it finds that a waste discharge is taking place or threatening to take place in violation of the Board's prescribed requirements.
7. This action is an order to enforce waste discharge requirements and Basin Plan prohibitions previously adopted by the Board. It is therefore categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.
8. The discharger and interested agencies and persons have been notified of the Board's intent to amend this Cease and Desist Order and have been provided an opportunity to submit their written comments and appear at the public meeting. At a public meeting, the Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Section 2.e. and 2.f of the City of Pacifica's Cease and Desist Order No. 93-112 shall be amended as follows:

| Task | Completion Date |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| C. Complete construction | 6/30/99 |
| f Achieve full compliance | 9/30/99 |

Achieve full compliance is defined as having two months of operating data from the selected alternative which are in compliance.

I, Loretta K. Busmim, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on December 16, 1998.

Loretta K. Barsamim
Executive Officer

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